

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

RODNEY NEAL ARNOLD,	:	CIVIL NO. 1:14-CV-0345
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Plaintiff	:	(Chief Judge Conner)
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v.	:	
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PRISON HEALTH SERVICES, et al.,	:	
	:	
Defendants	:	

ORDER

AND NOW, this 13th day of February, 2015, upon consideration of plaintiff's motion (Doc. 70) for appointment of an expert witness, in which, based upon his *in forma pauperis* status, he "requests this Honorable Court to authorize the expenditure of funds not to exceed a sum certain... to enable [him] to obtain the services of a medical expert doctors [sic] opinion" to aid him in preparation of his case,¹ and it being well-settled that *pro se* inmate plaintiffs who are proceeding *in forma pauperis* have no entitlement to court-appointed medical expert witnesses as there is no statutory authority for payment of expert witness fees in civil suits for

¹ In his supporting affidavit, plaintiff indicates that he has been subjected to "medical negligence and cruel and unusual punishment." (Doc. 71, ¶ 4). In the governing amended complaint (Doc. 30), however, plaintiff only alleges that "[t]his is an action under 42 U.S.C. 1983, seeking damages and other relief arising out of the violation of plaintiffs [sic] constitutional rights during a course of confinement within the Pennsylvania Prison System." (Doc. 30, p. 1).

damages, Boring v. Kozakiewicz, 833 F.2d 468, 474 (3d Cir. 1987), it is hereby
ORDERED that the motion (Doc. 70) is DENIED.

/S/ CHRISTOPHER C. CONNER
Christopher C. Conner, Chief Judge
United States District Court
Middle District of Pennsylvania